

CALIFORNIA STATE MEDICAL LIBRARY ACT—ITS TEXT *

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 477

Introduced in the Assembly of the forty-ninth California Legislature on January 20, 1931, by Assemblyman Roy Nielsen. Passed the Assembly May 5, 1931. Passed the Senate May 14, 1931. Approved by Governor James J. Rolph, Jr., on June 9, 1931.

CHAPTER 699

An act to create a state medical library under the direction of the regents of the University of California, providing for the establishment of branches of said library and for the administration, maintenance, and support of the same, and making an appropriation therefor.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 1. A state medical library is hereby created in and as a part of the library of the University of California and shall be known as the state medical library, said state medical library shall have its administrative headquarters in such place as the regents of the University of California may select, and shall have two branches, one in the city and county of San Francisco and one in the city of Los Angeles. Said state medical library shall be under the supervision and control of the regents of the University of California and shall be administered and conducted by the said regents of the University of California in conjunction with the medical school of said University of California.

Sec. 2. The regents of the University of California are authorized to provide suitable and necessary facilities for the storage and care of books, journals, manuscripts and exhibits, and to prepare, print and distribute suitable catalogues and other printed information of said state medical library and to appoint one or more assistant librarians to have direct supervision and control over the state medical library and its branches, and to fix the compensation of such assistant librarians. Said state medical library and its branches shall be available for the use of all legally registered physicians and surgeons resident in the State of California. The regents of the University of California are further empowered to establish and conduct, subject to such rules or regulations as the said regents may fix and adopt, a book package service in connection with said state medical library, by means of which, on request, any legally registered physician or surgeon resident in the State of California, or the librarian of any medical college approved by the state board of medical examiners, may borrow for temporary use books or periodicals in said library.

Sec. 3. The regents of the University of California are authorized to purchase scientific medical books and other publications, manuscripts and exhibits, to comprise the state medical library, with the advice of the state medical advisory board, which is hereby created.

The state medical library advisory board shall consist of the president of the University of California, the president of the state board of health, the president of the state board of medical examiners, the dean of the medical school of the University of California at San Francisco and the dean of the Los Angeles medical department of the University of California at Los Angeles, all acting ex-officio. The board shall select its own chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. The state medical library advisory

board shall have authority to propose rules and regulations for the management and operation of the state medical library, but the same shall become effective only upon the approval of the regents of the University of California. The members of such board shall receive no compensation, but shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties.

Sec. 4. The branch libraries to be established in the city and county of San Francisco and in the city of Los Angeles shall be established at the medical school of the University of California, in San Francisco, and at the Los Angeles medical department of the University of California. In expending funds received for the support of the state medical library the regents of the University of California shall expend an equal amount for the support of each of said two branches. The regents of the University of California shall not be obliged to provide for the support of said state medical library or expend moneys therefor except to the extent of such appropriations as may be directly provided therefor by this act or from time to time by action of the Legislature of the State of California, and to the extent that there are available other funds constituting or arising from gifts made in support and aid of said state medical library and accepted by the said regents.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated and at the time this act takes effect and on the thirty-first day of July of each year thereafter, the state controller shall transfer from the board of medical examiners' contingent fund to the regents of the University of California for the support and maintenance of said state medical library, all unencumbered moneys in the board of medical examiners' contingent fund in excess of one hundred thirty thousand dollars. The moneys hereby appropriated shall be expended by the regents of the University of California with the advice of the state medical library advisory board for the purchase of books and other publications, exhibits, and supplies for the state medical library and for the payment of expenses of the members of the state medical library advisory board, the salaries of assistant librarians, and operating expenses. Nothing in this act contained shall be deemed to prevent the regents of the University of California from charging to persons who may draw books from said state medical library through its package service the actual costs of shipment, including costs of transportation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Subject of This Letter: A Further Report on Obstetrical Analgesia

To the Editor: In the May 1930 issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE (page 331) was printed an outline of the author's method of obstetrical analgesia, which had then been in use for about four and one-half years. A short time ago, because of the good results reported by Dr. John S. Lundy of the Mayo Clinic with pentobarbital sodium (nembutal) as a preoperative sedative, this drug has been added to the technique, which is now as follows: When the patient is definitely in labor, with good pains, she is given pentobarbital sodium, grains $1\frac{1}{2}$, by mouth. About twenty minutes later she is given scopolamin (Roche), grain $1/100$, and magnesium sulphate 50 per cent, 2 cubic centimeters, intramuscularly. Thirty minutes later, magnesium sulphate 50 per cent, 2 cubic centimeters intramuscularly. Thirty minutes after this, scopolamin (Roche) $1/200$ and magnesium sulphate 50 per cent, 2 cubic centimeters. Thus, every hour

* For other information concerning this bill, see last month's (June) number of California and Western Medicine, page 417. Also editorial comment in this issue of California and Western Medicine.